

## ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATES

### Growth Reports in WISEdash for Districts: [2017-18 SGPs Now Available](#)

Student Growth Percentiles (SGPs) have been calculated since 2008-09, and this week the Growth Dashboard in WISEdash for Districts was updated with 2017-18 Forward data. We encourage schools and districts to use student-level and group-level SGPs in their ongoing data analysis and improvement planning. Because many years of SGP data are available, trend analyses could be an important complement to your data inquiry and improvement planning. As we [announced](#) last week, group SGPs are now reported as mean SGPs.

For more information, please see the [SGP About the Data](#) page where relevant resources are available. These resources briefly explain student- and group-level SGP reporting.

As always, feel free to contact us with any questions ([oeamail@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:oeamail@dpi.wi.gov)).

~OEA

## WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

### OSA OFFICE HOURS WEBINAR

Our first OSA Office Hours webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26th from 9:30 - 10:30. During this time, we will provide OSA updates, address timely issues related to DAC responsibilities, and answer questions about statewide assessments. Please plan on joining us. An archive of the most recent webinar will be provided on the [DAC Resources and Trainings webpage](#) for those unable to attend the live discussion.

#### Access information for the webinar is as follows:

- From your computer, go to the [GlobalMeet login](#) page .
- Choose "Enter as a guest."
- Enter your name and email address (you do NOT need to "Register").
- Click "JOIN MEETING."
- Connect audio. The preferred option is to "Call My Phone." (A supplemental calendar invite containing a one-page audio connection reference guide will be emailed prior to the webinar.)

### 2018-2019 OSA Office Hours Dates

Wednesday, September 26th

Wednesday, November 7th

Thursday, January 31st

Thursday, March 14th

Thursday, May 16th

## Annual DAC Update Forms

Be sure to submit your district's annual DAC and District Technology Coordinator (DTC) update forms by **October 10**. The information provided is used to:

- Ensure DACs and DTCs are on the email lists which will provide them with regular assessment updates throughout the year, and upload DAC information into vendor portals to ensure DACs have 2018-19 permissions.
- Important note: DACs should remove permissions from and/or make inactive any individuals in vendor portals who are no longer employed by the district and adjust user roles to sync with recent staffing changes.

## Strategic Assessment

### Test Drive the SmartTeach Application

SmartTeach is a free online/mobile application that classroom teachers can use to collect, store, track, and analyze any type of classroom-level student activity or data event including formative assessment data such as: exit tickets, conferring sessions, student observations, peer assessments or student self-assessments. The tool provides a place to take anecdotal notes on student learning, track student learning with a customizable performance bar, and create and work with small groups of students. Check out SmartTeach by watching this [video](#) or using the [demonstration site](#).

K-5 teachers are invited to join the fall SmartTeach pilot. Teachers will use the app and provide feedback about the usability of newly added features and suggest additional features. [Sign up for the pilot here](#). For more information join the [Google+ Community](#), or contact [Dana.Sommerfeld@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:Dana.Sommerfeld@dpi.wi.gov)

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## Forward Exam

### New

On Friday, September 7, all DACs were emailed a 2 question google survey from OSAMail regarding the Forward Exam Test Window and Publications. Please **complete the survey no later than September 21**.

### Forward Exam Coordinator Contact Information

Due to an update with Microsoft Office applications, the email address for Alison O'Hara, the Forward Exam Coordinator, was updated and the old address no longer is functional. Please delete the old email address from your email and contacts, and make sure that you use the new email address: [alison.ohara@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:alison.ohara@dpi.wi.gov). (The old address had an apostrophe)

### Reminders: Data and Results

Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports are available electronically in eDIRECT. eDIRECT reporting tools allow users to extract data in an Excel or .csv file. Hard copy ISRs were mailed to districts July 23. Instructions for how to access online reports are available in the [User's Guide to Interpreting Reports](#).

ISRs should be sent home to parents and guardians as soon as possible. While the school level Forward Exam results are under embargo, the student report can and should be shared with parents and guardians now. The Forward Exam [Data and Reporting Resources](#) include a sample parent/guardian ISR cover letter.

# Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)

## NEW:

The Dynamic Learning Maps® (DLM®) professional development team will be providing four interactive webinars this fall to assist teachers with providing instruction to students that is aligned to the DLM Essential Elements in English language arts and mathematics. Each 45-minute webinar will begin with a 15-minute overview of the content followed by a 30-minute live question and answer session. Additionally, each webinar will be recorded and posted online for those who are unable to attend a live session. All webinars are free to attend and will be accessible via Skype for Business or telephone.

Webinars are scheduled to be held during the following times:

- English language arts, Tuesday, September 18, 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. (*Central Time*)
- Mathematics, Tuesday, October 23, 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. (*Central Time*)
- English language arts, Tuesday, November 13, 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. (*Central Time*)
- Mathematics, Tuesday, December 11, 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. (*Central Time*)

More information regarding the webinars, including flyers and instructions for joining the meetings, are available on the Professional Development tab of the DLM website at [www.dynamiclearningmaps.org/professional-development](http://www.dynamiclearningmaps.org/professional-development).

New DACs who need access to [KITE Educator Portal](#) should complete the DAC update form and contact [Mike Peacy](#).

## Reminders:

### Kite™ Student Portal (formerly called Kite™ Client):

Kite™ Student Portal has undergone changes that should make accessing testlets and information easier for users. In order for all the updates to take effect, users must uninstall Kite™ Client and reinstall Student Portal. When users click on the previous icon for Kite™ Client, you will receive a message to go to the Kite™ Suite webpage of the Dynamic Learning Maps™ (DLM™) website to download Kite™ Student Portal. Downloadable instructions for each platform are available by following this [link](#).

Educator Portal is now Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 level A and section 508 compliant. Also, the User Interface is level AA compliant. In addition to this compliancy, users can expect a more intuitive layout and fewer clicks needed for navigation. The new URL for Educator Portal is <https://educator.kiteaai.org>. There is no change in your user name or password.

Main changes affecting EP Users:

- New URL for [Educator Portal](#)
- Access Profile has been changed to Personal Needs and Preferences Profile (or PNP)
- The DLM training extract now indicates whether a user is a new or returning user
- The entire My Profile section is redesigned with an emphasis on user experience
- The teacher role now requires an educator identifier

## Moodle Training

Moodle Training is now available for the 2018-2019 school year. New users or users that have not completed the training in the last calendar year will need to complete the new user training. Users who completed the training in the last year will need to complete the returning user training. All training can be found at the [DLM Moodle Training Site](#). If you have any questions about the changes to Kite or moodle training please contact [Mike Peacy](#).

## ACT High School Assessments

### New:

#### 2019 Test Date Information

- In 2019, the initial ACT state test date is a **Wednesday** and the initial test date for WorkKeys is a **Thursday**.
- Schools and districts may choose to administer WorkKeys school-wide on the initial test day (February 21) or the makeup day (March 13). Test coordinators will need to make a manual selection in PearsonAccessNext in order to have materials shipped for the correct test date; materials for the Feb 21 test date cannot be used on March 13.
- Emergency test dates are available in April for schools who have a spring break conflict or weather emergency on a makeup date in March.
- School test coordinators must manage their school's test participation by selecting the correct test dates and ordering the correct materials in the PearsonAccessNext test administration portal. This is critical because ACT and WorkKeys test materials are specific to each test date and can only be used for that date (or window in the case of accommodations materials).
- Further instructions for selecting test dates and "managing participation" in PearsonAccessNext will be sent via the DAC Digest, biweekly ACT test coordinator emails, and emails from ACT.

## Aspire Early High School

### New:

#### Update Users in the Portal

As the new school year begins, DACs should access the [Aspire portal](#) to verify the accuracy of permission statuses for district and school users. **DACs should remove access for individuals who are no longer employed by the district and adjust permission roles for staff in new positions.** Staff who serve as proctors and room supervisors should be assigned the role of "Educator." To manage portal users, log into the Aspire portal and then go to Organizations>Organization Members. Detailed information on portal user roles can be found in the [Aspire Portal User Guide](#) on pages 15-16, 34-35, and 135-141.

## Reading Readiness

#### 2018-19 School Year

The reading readiness requirement will remain the same for the 2018-19 school year. Districts will be required to assess for reading readiness all 4 year old Kindergarten through 2nd grade students at least once during the school year. Each school board and the operator of each charter school shall select the appropriate, valid, and reliable assessment of literacy fundamentals to be used. The school board or operator shall ensure that the assessment evaluates whether a pupil possesses phonemic awareness and letter sound knowledge.

DPI will reimburse districts for expenses incurred fulfilling the administration requirements. More information about reimbursement can be found at [Reading Readiness Reimbursement](#).

## Reading Readiness Results

DPI is in the process of loading 2017-18 PALS, MAP and STAR reading readiness results to WISEdash for Districts. Districts that had student data loaded for these screeners in the past will continue to have their data loaded in 2017-18 and beyond. Districts that did not previously sign a data release will need to do so in order to have their data uploaded into WISEdash. Information on data sharing agreements can be found at:

- PALS - <https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/reading-readiness/FAQ#data>
- MAP - <https://dpi.wi.gov/wisedash/districts/about-data/map>
- Star - <https://dpi.wi.gov/wisedash/districts/about-data/star>

## Reading Readiness Additional Information

More information about reading readiness requirements can be found at [Reading Readiness Information](#) and [Reading Readiness FAQ](#).

## ACCESS for ELLs

### Reminders:

#### WIDA Screener

- Last year DRC released a new version of their TSM software and device toolkit called Central Office Services (COS). COS allows all DRC assessments to be administered and configured from a single, central portal rather than requiring different TSMs for each assessment. 2018-19 is the last year that TSMs will be supported for DRC assessments.
- COS is available now in the Forward eDirect portal, and may be used for the WIDA Screener. COS installation and configuration information can be found in [Volume III of the Forward Technology User Guide](#).
- More information and trainings on using COS for Forward and ACCESS for ELLs will be released this fall, including a migration guide which will describe how to import TSM configurations into COS. Please share this information with your district technology coordinator.
- WIDA has aggregated the information from Screener Awareness Week into a single document available [here](#). Topics include:
  - Getting Started with WIDA Screener
  - How to Become Certified to Administer WIDA Screener
  - Focus on WIDA Screener Online
  - Focus on WIDA Screener Paper and Kindergarten W-APT
  - WIDA Screener Scoring and Reports
- The Kindergarten W-APT Screener PDFs can be found in the Download Library in My Account & Secure Portal on the WIDA website.

## WIDA Website Changes

The new WIDA website is live with a new look and improved navigation. The old URLs will redirect to the new pages for the 2018-19 school year. If you'd like to update your bookmarks now, the new URLs are <https://wida.wisc.edu> for the public site and <https://portal.wida.us> for the secure site.

District Technology Coordinator materials are now housed on the secure site and are also available on the [DPI Website](#). Although current users were migrated to the new portal, DACs should ensure that all staff who need to access secure materials have accounts in the new the portal and the WIDA AMS.

# NAEP and International Assessments

(Selected schools only)

Packets with information about NAEP and TIMSS pre-assessment tasks will be mailed to schools in the next couple weeks. We will notify DACs by email when these letters go out. **NOTE:** If you are a new DAC since June, please send Angela a quick email to make sure that you are updated in our NAEP system: [angela.dugas@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:angela.dugas@dpi.wi.gov).

## DAC DIGEST DIGESTIBLES

### Important Dates to Remember

September	1-30: Administer WIDA ELP Screener to students potentially EL	ACCESS
	18: Professional Development webinar for ELA	DLM
	20-Instructional Tool Interfaces opens for the year for ELA, mathematics, and science	DLM
	21: DAC Survey Completed	Forward
October	1-31: Add staff accounts to WIDA and WIDA-AMS websites	ACCESS
	1-31: Upload private school Pre-ID files into WIDA AMS	ACCESS
	10: Annual DAC and DTC update forms due for all districts	
	23: Professional Development webinar for Math	DLM

### Important Tasks to Remember

<input type="checkbox"/> Download the updated version of <a href="#">Kite Educator Portal</a> onto your computers	DLM
<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure relevant team members are aware of the information regarding reading readiness assessment at <a href="#">Reading Readiness Overview</a> and <a href="#">Reading Readiness FAQ</a> .	Reading Readiness
<input type="checkbox"/> Manage school and district users in the Aspire portal.	Aspire

### New Online Resource Highlights

*As new resources are posted to our website, we will include them here for your convenience for 2 weeks. This is NOT an exhaustive list, but meant to highlight resources with significant relevance to our upcoming test windows.*

Resource	Description	Assessment
<a href="#">WIDA Screener Resources</a>	Information about screening incoming students who might be ELs	ACCESS